

# Alabama

	Star Rating	2016 Value	Rank	No. 1 State
<b>BEHAVIORS</b>				
Drug Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)	★★★★★	13.1	18	4.0
Excessive Drinking (% of adults)	★★★★★	13.0	4	11.2
High School Graduation (% of students)	★★★★★	89.3	3	90.8
Obesity (% of adults)	★	35.6	47	20.2
Physical Inactivity (% of adults)	★	31.9	45	17.9
Smoking (% of adults)	★	21.4	41	9.1
<b>Behaviors Total*</b>	★★	-0.091	39	0.273
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>				
Air Pollution (micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	★★	9.1	36	4.4
Children in Poverty (% of children)	★	22.3	42	8.0
Infectious Disease (mean z score of chlamydia, pertussis, and <i>Salmonella</i> )*	★	0.777	47	-1.347
Infectious Disease—Chlamydia (cases per 100,000 population)	★	600.2	47	254.5
Infectious Disease—Pertussis (cases per 100,000 population)	★★★★★	5.9	16	1.0
Infectious Disease— <i>Salmonella</i> (cases per 100,000 population)	★	24.1	46	6.2
Occupational Fatalities (deaths per 100,000 workers)	★★	5.5	38	2.0
Violent Crime (offenses per 100,000 population)	★	472	41	118
<b>Community &amp; Environment Total*</b>	★	-0.128	48	0.290
<b>POLICY</b>				
Immunizations—Adolescents (mean z score of HPV, meningococcal, and Tdap)*	★★★★	-0.005	26	1.783
Immunizations—Adolescents—HPV Females (% of females aged 13 to 17 years)	★★★★	40.8	26	68.0
Immunizations—Adolescents—HPV Males (% of males aged 13 to 17 years)	★★	22.6	36	58.1
Immunizations—Adolescents—Meningococcal (% of adolescents aged 13 to 17 years)	★★	72.1	38	97.7
Immunizations—Adolescents—Tdap (% of adolescents aged 13 to 17 years)	★★★★★	93.3	5	97.1
Immunizations—Children (% of children aged 19 to 35 months)	★★	70.6	35	80.6
Lack of Health Insurance (% of population)	★★	11.1	33	3.1
Public Health Funding (dollars per person)	★★★★★	\$106	10	\$261
<b>Policy Total*</b>	★★★★	-0.011	27	0.165
<b>CLINICAL CARE</b>				
Dentists (number per 100,000 population)	★	43.8	48	81.5
Low Birthweight (% of live births)	★	10.1	48	5.9
Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)	★	61.1	45	23.5
Primary Care Physicians (number per 100,000 population)	★	116.4	42	247.7
<b>Clinical Care Total*</b>	★	-0.197	48	0.170
<b>ALL DETERMINANTS*</b>	★	-0.427	46	0.648
<b>OUTCOMES</b>				
Cancer Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)	★	211.1	43	149.3
Cardiovascular Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)	★	332.9	49	188.2
Diabetes (% of adults)	★	13.5	48	6.8
Disparity in Health Status (% difference by high school education)	★★★★★	26.9	20	14.8
Frequent Mental Distress (% of adults)	★	13.9	45	7.1
Frequent Physical Distress (% of adults)	★	15.0	46	8.5
Infant Mortality (deaths per 1,000 live births)	★	8.7	49	4.3
Premature Death (years lost per 100,000 population)	★	10,097	48	5,369
<b>ALL OUTCOMES*</b>	★	-0.366	49	0.289
<b>OVERALL*</b>	★	-0.793	47	0.905

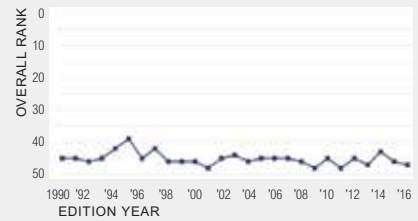
**STAR RATING**

Stars	Rank
★★★★★	1-10
★★★★	11-20
★★★	21-30
★★	31-40
★	41-50

## Overall Rank: 47



Change: ▼ 1  
 Determinants Rank: 46  
 Outcomes Rank: 49



### Strengths:

- Low prevalence of excessive drinking
- High percentage of high school graduation
- High Tdap immunization coverage among adolescents

### Challenges:

- High prevalence of smoking
- High prevalence of low birthweight
- High infant mortality rate

### Ranking:

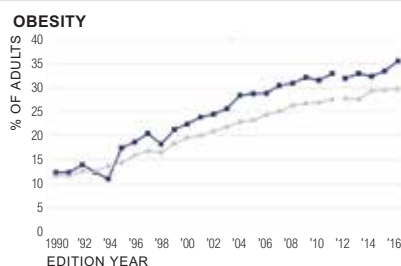
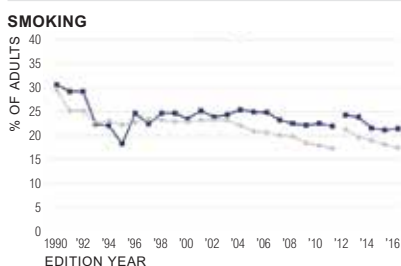
Alabama is 47th this year; it was 46th in 2015. The state ranks 44th for senior health and 44th for the health of women and children.

### Highlights:

- In the past two years, drug deaths increased 12% from 11.7 to 13.1 deaths per 100,000 population.
- In the past year, physical inactivity increased 16% from 27.6% to 31.9% of adults.
- In the past year, children in poverty decreased 12% from 25.2% to 22.3% of children.
- In the past year, HPV immunization among males aged 13 to 17 years increased 151% from 9.0% to 22.6%.
- In the past year, immunizations among children aged 19 to 35 months decreased 8% from 76.9% to 70.6%.

**State Health Department Website:**  
[www.adph.org](http://www.adph.org)

\* Value indicates z score. Negative scores are below US value; positive scores are above US value. For complete definitions of measures including data sources and years, see Table 5.



The 2012–2016 data in the above graphs are not directly comparable with prior years. See Methodology (page 150) for additional information.